

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2006.

Claims 1-27 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-27. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

Claims 1-27 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-30 of copending Application No. 10/655,811. A Terminal Disclaimer with respect to copending Application No. 10/655,811 is enclosed with this response.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Narin et al (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0158709).

Claims 1, 10, and 19 read as follows:

1. A method comprising:
maintaining digital records of software licenses for a group, the digital records indicating rights associated with software licenses, the digital records being accessible by a group member using a web application; and
accessing, by the group member, the web application to input information concerning an software license that is not stored in the digital records so as to allow an administrator to add the missing software license.
10. A license management system comprising:
a memory adapted to store digital records of software licenses for a group, the digital records indicating rights associated with software licenses, and
a processor adapted provide a web application to allow a group member to access the digital records, the web application allowing a group member to input information concerning an software license that is not stored in the digital records so as to allow an administrator to add the missing software license.

19. A computer readable media comprising software to instruct a computer to do the steps of:

maintaining digital records of software licenses for a group, the digital records indicating rights associated with software licenses, the digital records being accessible by a group member using a web application; and

in response to accessing, by the group member, the web application to input information concerning an software license that is not stored in the digital records, enabling an administrator to add the missing software license.

These claims include using a web application to insert information concerning a software license that is not stored in the digital records, enabling an administrator to add the missing licenses. Narin et al. does not include web application that allows the input of missing licensee information in this way.

For this reason, claims 1, 10, and 19 are believed to be allowable. Dependent claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-30 are dependent on these claims and for that reason (and because of the additional limitations of these claims) are believed to be allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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